

**CLAIMS**

1. A dressing comprising a bandage section, having a perimeter sufficient to occlude a wound, and a valve section that allows the escape of fluid, wherein the valve section lies substantially on the same plane as the bandage section.
2. A dressing, as in Claim 1, wherein the bandage section comprises a transparent area.
3. A dressing, as in Claims 1 or 2, wherein an outer edge of the bandage section is provided with adhesive.
4. A dressing, as in Claim 3, wherein the adhesive is covered with a removable protective outer film prior to use.
5. A dressing, as in Claims 1 to 4, wherein the valve section comprises a one-way valve.
6. A dressing, as in Claims 1 to 5, wherein the one-way valve comprises a flutter valve.
7. A dressing, as in Claim 6, wherein the flutter valve comprises one leaflet.
8. A dressing, as in Claim 6, wherein the flutter valve comprises two leaflets.

- 1 9. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,  
2 wherein the one-way valve is housed in a  
3 substantially rigid casing.  
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- 5 10. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,  
6 wherein the bandage section is substantially  
7 elliptical or circular in shape.  
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- 9 11. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,  
10 wherein the bandage section is provided with an  
11 extending tag section allow for easy gripping.  
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- 13 12. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,  
14 wherein the valve section can be provided with a  
15 collection bag.  
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- 17 13. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,  
18 wherein the dressing is manufactured from a  
19 waterproof material.  
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- 21 14. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,  
22 wherein the dressing is manufactured from non-  
23 allergenic material(s).  
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- 25 15. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,  
26 wherein the dressing is manufactured from a plastic  
27 material.  
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- 29 16. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,  
30 wherein the dressing is manufactured from latex.  
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- 1 17. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,  
2 wherein the valve section is provided with an  
3 irrigation flushing system.  
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- 5 18. A dressing, as in Claim 16, wherein the irrigation  
6 flushing system comprises an aperture in the casing  
7 of the valve section through which fluid can be  
8 inserted.  
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- 10 19. A dressing, as in Claim 17, wherein the flushing  
11 system comprises a tube and a valve.  
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- 13 20. A dressing, as in Claim 19, wherein the tube is  
14 provided with perforations.  
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- 16 21. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,  
17 wherein the bandage section further comprises one or  
18 more membrane layers.  
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- 20 22. A dressing, as in Claim 21, wherein, in use, air or  
21 fluid is provided between the layers, such that  
22 tension is applied to a wound.